

What's new in DERF

This spring, the Legislature is considering statutory changes to the DERF program as submitted jointly by DNR, DOR and WFI. We are all hopeful that these will pass the legislature this session (by March 11th), and signed into law by Governor Doyle after the legislature sends them to him. These changes include:

- ★ Provisions requested by DOR to enhance their licensing processes (making the license valid until it is surrendered by the person to whom the license was issued or transferred or until the license is revoked by DOR (i.e. if the fees are not paid on a quarterly basis)). This should alleviate concerns about issuing annual licenses in a timely manner.
- ★ Allows agents to submit reimbursement applications without having the eligible applicant co-sign. An written, signed agent agreement must be in place prior to incurring eligible reimbursement costs.
- ★ Changes the deadlines for the program – eligible applicants (or their agents) must submit a potential claim notification form (form 4400-210 - also available on this web site) by August 30, 2008 in order to be covered by this program.
- ★ No longer specifies who must pay past license fees, interest or penalties in order for an applicant to be eligible for the program, simply states that they must be paid before an award may be issued.
- ★ Specifies that tax credits as well as insurance proceeds must be included in the reimbursement application when requesting an award, or must be paid back to the fund if an award has already been issued for costs that these proceeds also cover.